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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Hubert Metzner, et al.

Application No.: 09/809,021

Filed: March 16, 2001

For: THROMBIN PREPARATIONS
AND PROCESS FOR THEIR
PRODUCTION

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action dated November 23, 2001, please amend the application as indicated below. The period for reply is extended to April 23, 2002, by a Petition for Extension of Time and a fee of \$400.00 filed concurrently herewith.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 18, and add new claims 35-38, as follows:

18. (AMENDED) A thrombin preparation comprising thrombin and a noncovalently binding inhibitor of thrombin activity as stabilizer, wherein the thrombin preparation is suitable for therapeutic purposes.

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